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Comments on Draft State Operating Permit for Mirant

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Two years ago, when I bought my condo located two blocks from the Mirant plant, the builder put out a statement, disclosing the City's and residents' concerns about the power plant's emissions and health issues.

With this proposed permit, those same emission and health issues will continue.

I am most concerned that the permit will allow the plant to exceed PM 2.5 standards since these particles cause the greatest damage to health. The permit should be changed so that PM 2.5 standards are not exceeded and must be strictly enforced, especially since we live in a non-attainment area for this pollutant.

I am also concerned that this permit will allow the plant to use its pollution controls on a variable basis which will not ensure proper health protection. The plant should be required to operate pollution controls at full capacity under all operating scenarios.

The use of trona, which will continue under this permit, is another problem. When the plant started using trona, it did so without public health studies analyzing its effect on people, particularly nearby residents. Trona contains silica, a known hazard to public health, so the DEQ must evaluate its health impacts.

The City's studies show that trona also increases PM emissions but the DEQ claims that trona reduces PM. This issue must be resolved in a scientific way to protect public health.

I support the City's comments on this permit and its answers to the Air Board's "Seven Questions."

Thank you.

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